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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE SUCCESS OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico pre-kindergarten program is  
14 implemented in the public schools and in early-care and  
15 education programs outside the public schools; and

16 WHEREAS, studies have been performed by nationally  
17 recognized experts on the programs' implementation for the  
18 first three years; and

19 WHEREAS, these studies demonstrate similar and positive  
20 results in the New Mexico pre-kindergarten programs implemented  
21 in both the public schools and in New Mexico pre-kindergarten  
22 programs outside the public schools; and

23 WHEREAS, the child development board of the office of  
24 child development, with input from many parties, has been  
25 responsible for setting the standards for teacher and staff

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1 qualifications for the children, youth and families department-  
2 funded New Mexico pre-kindergarten programs; and

3 WHEREAS, the child development board, its partners and  
4 interested parties wish to ensure the most effective and  
5 efficient long-term implementation of New Mexico pre-  
6 kindergarten programs funded by the children, youth and  
7 families department;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of children, youth and  
10 families convene a study of the current requirements of  
11 teachers and staff for children, youth and families department-  
12 funded New Mexico pre-kindergarten programs; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the child development board,  
14 the office of child development of the early care services  
15 division of the children, youth and families department, the  
16 New Mexico child care and education association, the national  
17 association for the education of young children, the New Mexico  
18 teacher education and compensation helps (T.E.A.C.H) early  
19 childhood project and other parties named by the secretary of  
20 children, youth and families participate in the study; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study take into  
22 consideration the current evaluations of the results of the New  
23 Mexico pre-kindergarten program and the current literature on  
24 the correlation between qualifications of pre-kindergarten  
25 teachers and staff and classroom outcomes; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study be done in  
2 conjunction with an analysis of the cost of providing early  
3 care and education in New Mexico and the salaries paid to  
4 teachers and staff of New Mexico pre-kindergarten programs; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of the study with  
6 recommendations be presented to the secretary of children,  
7 youth and families, the child development board and the  
8 appropriate interim legislative committee by November 1, 2009;  
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.